

From: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Shea, Valois
Subject: Uranium mine permits and exemption -public comment re: Dewey Burdock and Region 8

Dear EPA officials,

As a citizen of South Dakota, a former scientist in the area of cell biology, a medical health professional, and more recently a mother of five young adults, I beg you to think beyond corporate business interests, and other parties who hope to benefit financially from the two Underground Injection Control Area Draft Permits and the aquifer exemptions in Region 8. The Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, is requesting an exemption from the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations. The Dewey-Burdock site is located in southwestern Custer County and northwestern Fall River County, on the Wyoming/South Dakota border.

I hope that you will strongly consider the facts being presented by the opposition to these permits and exemption, especially as they contain the contamination risk to the region's most valuable resource: water. As an area not unfamiliar to drought, our water is our gold, our life. The risk, even if infinitesimal per the so-called experts, is not worth the benefit, which to date, has been under much debate that I need not reiterate.

Radioactive contamination of our water would not be able to be contained in an aquifer that has nondescript boundaries. That is more than obvious! And the half life of the contaminants is much longer than anyone today should consider acceptable. History has proven this fact.

Enact the will of the majority of people, for your children, and your grandchildren, and leave our earth below the surface, the one that contains the roots of all grasses and all plants, that all livestock depend on, alone, AND refuse ANY exemptions to guarantee our permanent source of clean non-radioactive water.

You hold a very, very, important power in your hands. It is more important than nuclear power, believe it or not. Please, do not abuse it. Hear us today, as tomorrow's voice will be drowned out by dollars.

We are carefully taking note of the listening capability of your organization, the EPA, that claims to "protect" the people of this fair country.

Respectfully yours,

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